

7 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, E/O/RR

SUBJECT: Request for Information on Soviet Bloc Position
in Gallium

25X1A9a 1. I was requested yesterday by Messrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] members of the [REDACTED] to obtain all 25X1A8a
available information on the Soviet bloc position in gallium. Infor-
mation is desired on Soviet bloc production and imports from Western
sources. That office is anxious to have the item placed under U.S.
export control and, if possible, under international embargo.

2. This request is based on a CS report which indicates that the
Soviets have offered a price premium of 35 percent to obtain the item.
The report originated around the middle of September [REDACTED] 25X1X6
but the referenced report has been destroyed inadvertently.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] intends to contact [REDACTED] OSI, to obtain 25X1A9a
technical information and guidance and has asked that ORR be tapped
for available statistical information.

4. Please advise as to whether [REDACTED] as coordinator for 25X1A9a
this Branch on metals and minerals, is in a position to act on this
request.

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[REDACTED]

Executive Secretary
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